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RESPONSE TO THE NOVEMBER 4, 2002 ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Official Action dated November 4, 2002 requiring the election of a single species to which the claims would be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Please amend the present application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 3, 7, 10 and 12 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said hematopoietic cells are obtained from neonatal umbilical cord blood

7. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein said transition metal chelator is tetraethylenepentamine.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein said early acting cytokines are stem cell factor.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said late acting cytokines are granulocyte/macrophage colony stimulating factor.